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Examiner : Zinna Northington Davis
Group Art Unit : 1625
Applicants : Charrier et al.
For : CASPASE INHIBITORS AND USES THEREOF

April 2, 2007
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the October 3, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have submitted herewith a request for a three-month (3-month) extension of time to reply to the Office Action. The time for this reply is, therefore, up to and including April 3, 2007. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this reply.

Remarks begin at page 17 of this reply.